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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT FEBRUARY 28, 2005, MEETING**

On February 28, 2005, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the January 24, 2005, meeting are attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item V, Chairman Ernie Gutierrez updated the ACE Construction Authority's Board on the condition of Jack Phillips, the City of Industry's representative on the ACE Construction Authority's Board. As Mr. Phillips is currently out for health reasons, effective immediately, Jeff Perriott will replace Mr. Phillips as the City of Industry's representative.

Under Agenda Item VI, the Chief Executive Officer reported that ACE Construction Authority staff has continued participating in the Goods Movement Panel convened by the State. The panel is currently working on developing strategies for goods movement and looking for funding mechanisms for proposed solutions. Further updates will be provided at future meetings. Simultaneous to the panel's work, the Southern California Association of Governments published a paper surveying the problems and issues associated with goods movement. The Southern California Association of Governments recommended solutions included further development of the ACE.

Chairman Gutierrez also informed the ACE Construction Authority's Board that the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority sent a letter of support to Congressional leadership in Washington, DC, in an effort to help secure funding for the ACE Construction Authority's projects. The ACE Construction Authority's Board agreed to draft and send a letter to the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority thanking them for their support.

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Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority's Board approved an amendment to the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project's design services contract with DMJM+Harris to increase the contract total by \$465,500. This amendment covers minor design revisions to the plans prior to construction as well as design support during the construction phase of the contract. The contract with DMJM+Harris now totals \$3,516,249.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Construction Authority's Board approved an amendment to the Sunset Avenue grade separation project's design services contract with HNTB Corporation to increase the contract total by \$235,000. This amendment covers design support during the construction phase of the contract. The contract with HNTB Corporation now totals \$3,785,000.

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Construction Authority's Board voted to approve and forward to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments a request from the City of Pico Rivera to reprogram \$4,400,000 in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding previously allocated to the design phase of their Parsons-Serapis Grade Separation project. If approved by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the California Transportation Commission, the funding would be reprogrammed to the right of way and construction phases of that project. This program change would only become effective at such time that this funding is available at the State level.

Under Agenda Item X, the ACE Construction Authority's Board approved a motion to have the ACE Construction Authority staff review and provide recommendation on the various Legislative bills aimed at preserving Proposition 42 transportation funds. Proposition 42 dedicates the sales tax on gasoline to transportation purposes and is currently subject to suspension during times of financial crisis at the State level.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority's Board will be on March 28, 2005, at the Irwindale City Hall at 2 p.m.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
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# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, February 28, 2005 - 2:00 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

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Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three- minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

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All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

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| I.    | Roll Call and Introductions  |             |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance   |             |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 24, 2005 meeting (pgs. 2-3)   | Action      |
| IV.   | Public Comment   |             |
| V.    | Chairman's Remarks   | Information |
| VI.   | Chief Executive Officer's Report (pgs. 4-14)   | Information |
| VII.  | Approval of Amendment to Brea Canyon Road Design Services Contract During Construction with DMJM+Harris (pgs. 15-16)   | Action      |
| VIII. | Approval of Amendment to Sunset Avenue Design Services Contract During Construction with HNTB Corporation (pgs. 17-18) | Action      |
| IX.   | Approval of Amendment to TCRP Application by City of Pico Rivera (pg. 19)  | Action      |
| X.    | Position on State Legislation (pgs. 20-28)   | Action      |
| XI.   | Adjournment  | Action      |

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The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 24, 2005  
Minutes**

Chairman Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on January 24, 2005 at 2:05 PM.

**1. In attendance were:**

Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel  
Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte  
Michael Antonovich, LA County  
Ed Cortez, Pomona  
Ed Vasquez, Montebello  
Carol Herrera, SGVCOG  
Paul Eaton, Ex Officio, SANBAG

Staff

Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff  
Girish Roy, staff  
Bruce Armistead, staff  
Lou Cluster, staff

Guests

David Varnam, Congressman Gary Miller  
Manuel Saucedo, Senator Nell Soto  
Russ Bryden, LA County Public Works  
Barbara Schuck, The Okonite Co.  
Donna Lee, SCE

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of December 20, 2004.**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of December 20, 2004.  
M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Unanimous

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Baldwin reported that member Jack Phillips was hospitalized in El Encanto hospital and extended the best wishes of the Board.

**5. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Rick Richmond referenced the key items on page 4 of his monthly report. In addition, he reported on the meetings he had been attending at the request of Business, Transportation & Housing Secretary Sunne Wright Mc Peak concerning a goods movement action plan to present to the Governor. He noted that the meetings involved 14 other agencies and the plan was not completed yet. He mentioned the upcoming Goods Movement public meeting at Caltrans. He will keep the Board informed of the progress of the Action Plan. Mr. Richmond called attention to the Mitigation Monitoring Quarterly Report and the new reporting format. He noted that the construction activities were compliant with the approved mitigation measures. Bruce Armistead, Senior Project Manager provided a photo progress update for the East End Ave and Reservoir Street grade separation project. Lou Cluster presented a project update for the Nogales Street grade separation project.

#### **6. Election of Officers**

Chairman Baldwin thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair for the past 2 years. He opened the floor for nomination of Chair. Supervisor Antonovich nominated Ernie Gutierrez, which was seconded by Board Member Cortez. There were no other nominations for Chair. A motion was made to close the nominations. M/S/C: Antonovich/Cortez/Unanimous

Chairman Gutierrez opened the floor for nomination of Vice Chair. Board Member Herrera nominated Ed Cortez, which was seconded by Board Member Antonovich. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman. M/S/C: Herrera/Antonovich/Unanimous

Chairman Gutierrez thanked the Board for their support and looked forward to working with them to complete the project. He requested that at future Board meetings, the Authority would start the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **7. Approval of Award for Temple Ave Train Diversion Construction Contract**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the bid process and the scope of services for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion project. He indicated that the recommended construction firm included a 13.6% DBE participation by sub contractors. There was Board discussion regarding traffic changes during construction and proposed mitigation measures. The Board also confirmed that there was an executed agreement with Lanterman Developmental Center concerning proposed environmental mitigations. A motion was made to authorize the award of the construction contract for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion project to Yeager Skanska in an amount not to exceed \$24,389,743. M/S/C: Herrera/Cortez/Unanimous

**8. Approval of Amendment to Brea Canyon Road Design Services Contract with DMJM**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the background of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project. A motion was made to amend the contract with DMJM+Harris to add \$10,000 for design services of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation for a new contract value of \$3,050,749 and extend the completion date of the contract through March 2005.

M/S/C: Baldwin/Cortez/ Antonovich: Abstained/Approved

**9. Approval of Amendment to Invoice Review Services Contract with Chris McGargille**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the scope of services of the contract with Chris McGargille. He reviewed the savings the authority has enjoyed as a result of the services. A motion was made to amend the contract with Chris McGargille Consulting to revise the compensation provisions of the agreement and authorize an additional \$5,000 for continuation of services through June 30, 2005 bringing the total contract value to \$301,000. M/S/C: Herrera/Baldwin/Unanimous

**10. Quarterly Report**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the progress during the last quarter. He highlighted the summary of the quarterly report on page 23 of the agenda. He noted that the quarterly cost update of \$2.4 million reflected the results of the nine day jury trial concerning right-of-way costs for the Temple project as well as UPRR and utility relocation cost increases. He noted that there had been some schedule delay from the last quarter due to: weather delays at Nogales and East End/Reservoir; bidder delay at Temple; UPRR coordination delay at Ramona; and outside agency review delay on Sunset and Brea Canyon projects.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

M/S/C: Herrera/Cortez/Unanimous